



At The Home

News of the Week Reviewed and
the Comment of the Bay State Vet-
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NATIONAL SOLDIERS' HOME.
HAMPTON, VA., Jan. 28.—Col. Francis Murphy, our new local manager, is expected here on an official visit. Colonel Murphy has just retired from the governorship of New Jersey. He was for many years closely associated with the late General Sewell, formerly our local manager, in the commercial and political arenas of that State. He also had the rare honor of recently being elected a member of the New Jersey Historical Society.

In the matter of the bob-tail discharge recently given a member of this branch, we find, after a calm investigation, that the wires were not crossed anywhere. Or, to render it differently, the complainant was retired from membership in this branch for alleging that the officials here were a coterie of grafters, and then miserably failing to prove it. These long-arm thrusts at the officials of this and other branches of the National Home were never heard of until the outbreak of the Spanish and Philippine veterans and the resulting military giddiness which followed in their wake.

What with giving open air concerts, playing at funerals and theatrical entertainments and practicing, Professor Sully and his band of sturdy, as well as promising young musicians, certainly do earn their wages nowadays. As it is generally conceded that this band maintains a higher standard of proficiency and efficiency than any band in the nine branches of the National Home, a pronounced effort on the part of our guardians to get the pay of each musician in the band increased would be gratefully appreciated by this command, scores of whom belong to both the old and the new school of music.

About four years ago instrumental music was banished from the licensed taverns in the garrison town near by which are wholly patronized by old and young warriors, and in consequence these taverns have relapsed into a species of incubators of insanity. Therefore, it is now up to the hint sighted and amateur moralists who created that leaden atmosphere in those recreation resorts to restore that humanizing feature at once and thereby keep down the offenders' dock of this command, as well as that outside.

Adjutant George W. Nickum, of McKinley Post 63, G. A. R., has been appointed assistant inspector general on the national staff of the order by the commander-in-chief, General Wilmon W. Blackmar. Inspector Nickum is 37 years old, the youngest veteran of the Civil War in this branch and served through that war as a drummer boy. He is a family man and a citizen of Baltimore, Md., where he raised and placed among the bread-winners there, in a promising group of boys.

Letters from the Mountain branch advise us that the bill of fare therein is relapsing into an abbreviated stage, and that the command is in the throes of a mud embargo. In this connection it would be well to add, in order to discount future eventualities, that it is 25 miles to the nearest licensed convalescent resort, which signifies that that isolated establishment will become a huge incubator of growlers.

The Marion News-Tribune has the following notice in its home column: "Members sleeping in the attics of the various barracks have been notified that they can move to the lower floors of their barracks if the temperature of the cockloft is too low for them. The use of coal in the attic stoves is prohibited. In case the lower floor of their own barracks are full, transfers to other barracks not having a full complement of members will be made."

In making a batch of corn bread for a meal in this command, Chief Baker William Goodyear uses the following material: Corn meal, 270 pounds; white flour, 100; baking powder, 14; salt, 12; and lard 30 pounds; eggs, 30 dozen; milk, 22 gallons.

According to the Boston Herald General Miles is neither adjutant general of Massachusetts nor chief of staff. He is lieutenant general of the United States army, retired, on duty in that State. His status is purely advisory, but he will be ranking military officer on duty for the governor.

The best remedy for indigestion in this command this winter is the hearty laughter incited at the entertainments in the Home theater, and the prolonged smiles roused by reading the humorous gems in the local papers, particularly these in the Press.

The cigarette trade in the garrison

town near by has increased about 40 per cent. in four years.

About 10 per cent. of this population are devoted fishermen.

Inertia again pervades the office of lieutenant of the guard.

Probably the easiest thing in camp life nowadays is to sit by a radiator and smoke and growl.

MASCULINE VANITY.

Men Who Stop to Admire Themselves in Show Windows.

"Speaking of the trifling affairs of life," said a clerk in one of the big stores, "I'm not so sure that men are so much when you come to compare them with women, although they pretend to rise superior on occasions. I've a notion that human nature is about the same in both sexes, after all, and it crops up in some way. You know there's a theory that a woman couldn't pass a mirror without giving a glance at herself if she were on her way to rescue her only child from a burning accident."

"It may not always be vanity, of course. Perhaps it's force of habit. Well, you'd be surprised at the number of men who have that same habit. I'm here at a counter in front, where I can see some things, and it's better than a poor play to watch the faces at that big show window. They are men's faces I'm talking about. The light strikes that window so that it makes a pretty good looking glass of it, and I'm truthful when I tell you that it holds up as many lies as it does slices in the course of a day. The only difference is that the woman makes no bones of what she's doing. She'll give a twist to her front hair and a pull to her veil and make sure that her hat and nose are on straight, and she doesn't care whether passersby are on to her game or not. But the man plays off. He wants you to suppose that it's the display of goods that's caught him. Yes, it is, I guess not. He's wrapped up in velvets at \$1 a yard and in silks cheap at 75 cents. He is. You can tell from where I stand that he doesn't see a thing that's in that window except his own beautiful reflection. He'll study the effect of his scarf and his gloves, and then he'll look lower down where there are no goods, and step out a little to get the cut of his trousers and shoes. And very often he'll put on that 'look pleasant' expression the photographer asks you to wear that makes a driving idiot of you in the picture. There is no great harm in it provided the men are in no great hurry and have nothing better to do, but when I hear them loftily discussing mirrors in connection with their wives I have to smile to myself."—Providence Journal.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

There is no one so hopeless as those who do not make mistakes.

No man can do anything against the grain. Woman can do it, but man can't.

A great deal of the friendship others have for you is like the come-any-time invitation.

A man can get sick now almost as easy as he can sin, and you all know how easy that is.

If a man can get into a bank after banking hours he considers himself a prominent citizen.

There is something fine in the bravery of a new father who carries a baby through the streets in his arms.

The first thing a girl does to a man after they are married is to get out his middle name, dust it off and use it as common as his first name.—Acheson Globe.

A Role of a Hundred a Night.

A prominent actor told of a super who went to the manager of a successful play after it had been having a long metropolitan run and demanded a raise of salary.

"Sir," he said, "I have been playing my part for a hundred consecutive nights with the utmost zeal and care. Don't you think I should have a raise?"

"What part do you play?" asked the manager.

"I am in the third act, sir," replied the actor, apparently astonished at the question. "I have to stake \$100 in the gambling scene."

"Your claim is just," replied the manager. "Beginning tonight you may stake \$200."

Licked Into Shape.

The phrase "licked into shape" owes its origin to a very ancient fable. In Bailey's "Ovid's Metamorphoses," fable 33 has this heading: "Bears bring forth a lump of flesh and by licking reduce it to a proper shape." This tradition that the cubs of bears are cast shapeless and remain so till the dam has licked them into proper form is emphasized in Pope's "Dunciad."

So watchful brain forms, with plastic care, Each growing lump and brings it to a bear.

In Shakespeare, too, "King Henry VI," part 3, act 3, section 2, we find: "Like to a chaos, or an unlicked bear whelp, That carries no impression like the dam."

THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE ORIENTAL TRADE

(Continued from first page.)

individual. Government can give but little assistance. In this work the American manufacturer and producer should inject the same zeal that he gives to efforts to secure and control home markets.

Second. A permanent position for wares designated for the trans-Pacific markets is almost as much a necessity as is the production of goods for the home market.

Third. Commodities should be made to suit the capabilities of the consumer. The Oriental buyer should be given what he wants to buy, not what the American manufacturer thinks he ought to have.

Fourth. Wares should not be made too good for the market in which they are to be offered for sale. In all markets the bulk of the demand is for cheap goods wherever made, and cheapness is preferred to quality.

Fifth. Trade cannot be established by correspondence. Personal solicitation, backed by samples, brings the orders. Occular proof of the article is demanded by the Oriental buyer. Catalogues and price lists avail nothing and are flung away. Only first-class solicitors with tact and judgment can get business.

Sixth. Among essentials that must be studied are climatic conditions in Asiatic markets, means of transportation, exchange and banking. No stock of samples should be sent unless there is a market for the goods.

Seventh. American merchants should be willing to settle disputes as to damage, quality of goods, and breaches of contract in the same manner as do other traders in the Orient. Charges should be inclusive of freight and in-

urance, and drafts should not reach the port of delivery in advance of the consignment.

Eighth. Once a line of goods is introduced in the Orient, the quality should be consistently maintained.

Other dos and don'ts might be added, but there are too many of them to be touched upon in so short an article as this is. Generally speaking, Oriental trade can be secured and held by making goods adapted to the requirements and buying power of the people; by energetically pushing sales; by intelligent study of the field and adaptation to its requirements; by the exercise of intelligence in all that pertains to shipment and display of the goods; by honest dealing with the buyers and address in the matter of terms of payment, and by keeping up the quality of the commodities offered for sale. Oriental trade is a thing to be sought and fought for in the largest and most populous trade in the world, and in a field, too, where competition is keenest.

Aided in Search for Widows.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—In searching for a woman who might be interested in aiding Johann Hoch, the alleged "blue-beard," the police have procured evidence which leads them to believe that Hoch was aided in his quest for wealthy widows by two persons—a man and a woman.

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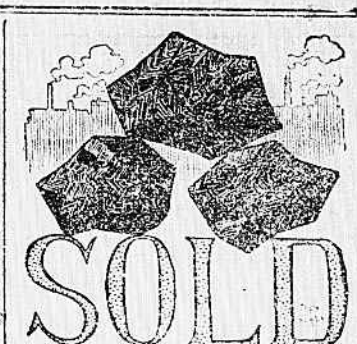
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